

Joining the water district team in 1990 as the project coordinator, followed by the role of Deputy General Manager, Mr. Pack was appointed to the post of General Manager on September 4, 2001. Over the last decade, Mr. Pack's management and leadership has been instrumental to EMWD's success on critical projects that have made a tremendous impact throughout the District.

As the General Manager, Mr. Pack introduced the District to the superior principles of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program and the State counterpart, the California Award for Performance Excellence. Under his guidance and expertise, Mr. Pack implemented and administered these principles to ensure they were met at every level. As a result of this rigorous program for performance measurement and continuous improvement, EMWD has attained the highest level of any public agency in the State.

During his tenure with EMWD he has provided assistance to the State, Federal and local legislators in addressing complicated water related issues and worked cooperatively with government agencies in implementing policies and projects.

Among his many roles, Mr. Pack has served as president and vice president of the California Municipal Utilities Association, a statewide association of publicly owned utilities, a board member of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, and currently serves as a board member for the California Council for Excellence.

Prior to joining the District, Mr. Pack served 20 years with the U.S. Marine Corps in posts throughout the United States, Japan and the Middle East, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1990. I would also like to extend my appreciation for his years of military service.

Through his work at EMWD he has assisted the community and the California water industry. I offer Mr. Pack my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement with his wife Kelly, their two sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Pack's dedicated and loyal service to the Eastern Municipal Water District.

2011 NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of May as National Stroke Awareness Month, the time each year that we as a nation reaffirm our support in the fight against stroke, a leading cause of death and disability.

National Stroke Awareness Month plays an important role in educating Americans on the warning signs and risk factors for strokes, as well as how the latest neuroscience discoveries enhance our understanding of strokes and lead to new and exciting treatments.

According to the American Stroke Association, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds, affecting roughly 795,000 Americans each year—killing approximately 136,000 people a year, and costing the nation through healthcare services, medications, and missed days of work.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, and through my experience as a nurse and health care advocate, I know firsthand the importance of educating the American people to recognize the warning signs of a stroke and be ready to act fast.

Moreover, the most effective method to combat stroke is to prevent it, and that to do that, we need to place a greater focus on educating the American people on the risk factors associated with an increased risk of stroke: high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation, diabetes, heightened cholesterol, lack of exercise, and smoking.

Family history of stroke, gender, and place of residence are also factors.

While strokes are one of the major reasons that quality of life can diminish as people get older, they are not inevitable.

The same steps that contribute to keeping physical vigor—regular exercise, a healthy weight, and a balanced diet—can maximize the chances of staying sharp and alert for decades to come.

Mr. Speaker, based on basic science findings, neuroscientists have developed several options for treating stroke, including clot-busting drugs and minimally invasive surgery techniques.

Yet despite numerous advances, the global and national prognosis for stroke is dire.

According to a study by the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association published earlier this year, stroke prevalence is projected to increase by 25 percent in the U.S. by 2030, and direct medical costs for treating stroke are expected to increase by 238 percent, to \$95.6 billion within the same time period.

This makes continued strong and sustainable funding for the National Institutes of Health even more critical.

By supporting the National Institutes of Health, researchers will be able to discover better ways to protect the brain from potential strokes, minimize the damage that occurs, and develop better ways to repair and reorganize the brain after a stroke.

For all of these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing National Stroke Awareness Month, celebrating the outstanding contributions the field of neuroscience is making to learn more about stroke; the contributions of the American Stroke Association in educating the public about stroke warning signs and treatment; and the investments made in scientific research through the National Institutes of Health to develop treatments for those suffering from this devastating disease.

HONORING MR. RONALD SHELLEY

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ronald Shelley of Boeing Defense, Space & Security. Ron will be retiring this coming June after more than thirty years with the company.

In his more than three decades with Boeing, Ron has held a number of leadership positions; with ever increasing responsibilities. During the development and first flight of the

C-17 Globemaster III, today the backbone of our air mobility, Ron served as General Manager, Supplier Management, in Long Beach, California.

Ron also served as program manager for the F/A-18 Super Hornet, responsible for directing, planning, organizing, leading and controlling development, production and cost support for all Super Hornet programs in St. Louis. Ron clearly knows his business, because the Super Hornet program has consistently delivered aircraft to the United States Navy on time and on budget.

Additionally, Shelley held a number of director-level Supplier Management and Procurement positions in Naval Systems, Production Operations and Phantom Works—the advanced prototyping arm of Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

Today, Ron Shelley serves as vice president of Global Sourcing for The Boeing Company and as vice president of Supplier Management for Boeing Defense, Space & Security, based in St. Louis. He leads an organization of more than 2,800 employees in 30 States and 10 countries; and he's responsible for annual purchases of nearly \$17 billion in products and services. Clearly you don't just put anyone in charge of spending \$17 billion!

My staff and I have had the honor of working with Ron on a number of occasions over the past decade. Through his work on C-17 and Super Hornet, he has contributed much to our national security. His fellow citizens are more secure today because of the contributions Ron Shelley made to these vital defense programs.

Thank you, Ron. I wish you all the best in your retirement and God's blessing.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHAPEL OF CLIFFORD, MI

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to properly acknowledge a special event occurring in the 10th Congressional District. On Sunday, June 5, 2011, St. Patrick Catholic Church of Lapeer County in Clifford, Michigan will celebrate a significant and historic milestone—its 125th Anniversary Celebration. This achievement will begin with a 1 p.m. Celebration Mass presided by special guest, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Following mass, the celebration will continue with an open house and reception for all to enjoy. Although I will be unable to personally attend this festive occasion, I certainly wanted to recognize this extraordinary accomplishment and offer my heartfelt congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it would be fitting to share some history about St. Patrick Chapel. However, first let me start with the Archdiocese of Detroit which was formally established in 1833, but can trace its Catholic lineage back to 1701 when the first French traders arrived in the region. The history of St. Patrick Chapel shares a similar story in that the Church was first built in 1886, but Father Clement Krebs started offering masses inside the homes of local residents in 1879—seven prior to the church being constructed.